

Dear Sir

Sep 30 1765 Granville
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I have been this Day honoured with your Letter of the 27th Inst, and after communicating it to Colleton who goes from hence tomorrow, we agreed to write to our joint friend Drax in the most pressing terms, as a Letter which I received from him by the last Post expresses great hopes that nothing will arise to call him to London on the 17th, and a strong disposition to remain where he is. Mr Jarret Smith has been very ill since you saw him, and I much fear will not be persuaded to venture so soon upon a London-Journey. I shall however try every thing in my power with him.

I have communicated the News you sent me
to Sir Charles Mordaunt's Son without naming
you as the Author, lest the Bast should expect
a Letter from yourself. He will be written to
by tomorrow's Post. But his Son tells me that
he believes his Father will not think of a
Journey to Town before Christmas. I much fear
this will be the case of many whom you would
wish to see there sooner. I called upon Lord
Lamarsh, but not finding him at home
shall repeat my visit. He has opened himself to
me not at all favorably to the present Admi-
nistration, but has gone no further. Tucker of
Weymouth has been much more explicit, altho'
I am not much acquainted with him. He is now
gone thither, and will, I believe, attend upon a
summons, if you should write to him. He told me
as much before his departure. Colleton will call upon

all his Friends. I writ you a long letter which
Lord Waldegrave was to have delivered, but having
deferr'd his Journey for a Day, I put it into the
Hands of an other, who falling ill on the road
has sent it me back here. It contained an
Account of an Attempt made to procure a
Petition from Bristol for a repeal of the
Stamp-Duties. I immediately writ to my principal
Friends there to assemble as many as they could
on any Day the most convenient to them, when
I woud attend to deliver my Thoughts on that
important Subject; and I further added that I
woud go with as many as I cou'd prevail upon
to accompany me, from House to House to shew
their Disapprobation of so pernicious a
measure, which cou'd only serve to foment Dispa-
tisfaction in America into rebellion, and, if it
succeeded in Parliament, woud annihilate the
Sovereignty of Great Britain over her Colonies.
I was agreeably surprised next Day by a Deputation,

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with the mayor at their Head, to assure me I might rest satisfied that such a Proposition as I apprehended would find no Abettors worthy of Notice, and that my Appearance would imply a Disidence of my Constituents injurious to them upon a Subject where no wise and honest man would differ in opinion. They therefore insisted that I should keep their coming to me upon the occasion a Secret, and that I should leave the whole to them. I approved their Delicacy for the Honour of their fellow-citizens, and have concerted measures to prevent a Surprise if an Attempt should be made by George the Fourth, who is now master of the merchants Hall, to set the seal of that Corporation to a Petition in a thin Assembly. I hope and believe George will not be persuaded to attempt it. But he is now in London, and has I believe been called thither with a view to gain him over. you will smile at the Importance of my Bristol-Politics: But in the Scale of Things Bristol is to me what the whole is to you. I shall make a visit thither and be in London the 15th. most affec^tly yours - 30th, 1765. S. Nugent.